

## IN MEMORIAM.

### Tribute to the Late John Philip Dieter.

In the demise of John Philip Dieter, the trade has lost one of its most popular and respected members and the city of El Paso, one of its best known and successful citizens. Death came on the evening of September 23, 1907, at 7 p. m. at his home 810 Magoffin avenue at the close of about two weeks' illness.

Mr. Dieter was born in Germany on February 2, 1851, and received an ordinary education, emigrated to this country, and by careful and methodical business methods engaged in business in conjunction with Mr. Al Houck, forming the well known firm of Houck & Dieter, in the year 1881.

Mr. Dieter was a thorough business man, conducting his affairs on the highest standard of morality, and as such he secured and permanently retained the esteem and respect of all with whom he had business relations. The years brought him more and more success and never was the prospect of wealth more alluring than when he passed off this mortal scene.

Mr. Dieter was a 32 degree Mason, a Knight Templar, a member of the El Paso lodge of Elks, and one of the Pioneers' association. In the death of Mr. Dieter a noble pillar of the trade has fallen, but, his memory will long remain green in the hearts of all who came in contact with him. In all the relations of life he was a worthy and upright citizen, and a honor to the business interests with which he connected his life's work.

At a meeting of the El Paso Liquor Dealers association held at their hall on this 24th day of September, 1907, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved: That the trade learned with sorrow of the death in this city on the 23d instant of Mr. J. P. Dieter, long a member of our trade. He was a man of sterling integrity, those who dealt with him knew that all dealings would be governed by honest principles and a strong sense of justice. He was identified with leading charities and his cordial and kindly nature attracted all to him and made friends on every side. We offer to his family our heartfelt sympathy in its bereavement.

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to his wife and family, published in the three daily papers and also spread upon the minutes of the association.

Respectfully,

J. J. SNYDER.  
FRANK DERRICKS.  
GEORGE OGDEN.  
A. E. PETERS.  
J. H. ADAMS.

Committee.

## THE DIETER FUNERAL.

IT WILL BE UNDER THE CONDUCT  
OF THE MASONS

Body Lying in State—Elks, Pioneers,  
and Fire Department Will Turn Out  
—Active and Honorary Pall Bearers.

The Masons yesterday completed all arrangements for the funeral of John Philip Dieter which will be conducted from the Dieter home, 800 Magoffin avenue at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Elks and Pioneers will attend the funeral in a body.

### The Masonic Call

On taking charge of arrangements for the funeral the Masons issued the following call yesterday morning:

A called meeting of the El Paso Lodge No. 130 A. F. & A. M. will be held on Wednesday, September 25th, 1907, at 2:30 o'clock, p. m., to attend the funeral of our late Brother J. P. Dieter.

A full attendance is desired. Visiting brethren welcome. By order of the W. M.

E. W. S. NEFF, Secretary.

### Pall Bearers

The pall bearers will be H. U. Neil, Edward Kneezell, A. Courchesne, F. E. Hunter, Dan Kelly, B. Blumenthal.

Honorary pall bearers—George Sauer, C. Brenne, Fred Lunley, Capt. Juan S. Hart, Maj. W. J. Fewel, Judge W. M. Caldwell, C. R. Morehead, A. Meisel, A. L. Houck, A. Krakauer, Capt. Chas. Davis, W. H. Long, Judge Magoffin, H. Eichwald, Chas. Richardson, A. O. Luettich, Major Sweeney, Park W. Pittman.

### The Funeral Cortège

It is understood that President Badger of the fire department has ordered the entire department out to escort the remains to the grave. For years Mr. Dieter was an active member of the department and at the time of his death was an honorary member of Hose Co. No. 1.

The body will be in state in the undertaking parlors of McBean, Simmons & Carr, on El Paso street until 8 o'clock this morning. They were viewed there last night by many friends who took a last look at the well known features of one of El Paso's most active pioneers.

A company of Knights Templar will act as escort to the lodge in charge of the funeral.

# EL PASO BEREAVED IN DIETER'S DEATH

After a Brief Illness this Enterprising Public-Spirited Successful Business Man and Valued Citizen Passes Peacefully Away

## HISTORY OF HIS BUSY LIFE

Loss to El Paso and Her Business and Her Development Is Great, but No Words Can Describe the Desolation and Grief in His Home

## COURAGE AND INDUSTRY REWARDED

The announcement of the death of J. P. Dieter is not a surprise, yet it comes as a severe shock to the entire community. He made a brave struggle against the insidious disease that had worked its way into his very brain. But last night at 7:00 o'clock he passed away.

He had just reached the zenith of his usefulness as a citizen and a man. Only a few days ago he appeared to be just starting into his business career,



JOHN PHILIP DIETER

with perfect health, a fine physical manhood and the eager winds of prosperity kissing his ambitions, industrial sails and giving promise of the beginning of the most successful voyage of his life. Then suddenly the paralyzing hand of disease pressed upon the active, vigorous brain and a strong man was stricken down as helpless as a babe. The blow fell suddenly and unexpectedly. A racking pain in the marked heart caught the breath, then the verdict, "tumor on the brain," and a complete collapse of the magnificent physical and intellectual structure.

Not even Mr. Dieter himself imagined then was anything seriously wrong with him when he returned from Clouderoff—when his family spent the summer—three weeks ago. But when the tumor began pressing into the brain developments followed rapidly. All that medical skill and tender nursing could do was done, but the end came last evening while the sufferer was surrounded by his beloved wife, four little children, his brother, August Dieter, and his uncle, J. W. Dieter.

### Biographical.

John Philip Dieter was born in Germany, February 2, 1851. He came to the United States in 1868 and was then 17 years of age. In the old country he had been a miller's boy and when he landed in Baltimore his uncle then secured him employment as a baker's apprentice. In 1869 the call of the West reached the ears of the restless, ambitious young man. He felt that there was a great country and great opportunities in the West calling for sturdy young men of brains, industry and ambition. Young Dieter eagerly responded to the call and hurried to Kansas. Being without funds he could not take hold as a developer, but he had the knack not to spurn humble means of acquiring the sinews of industrial warfare. He went into the barbering business and as a barber he drifted into Wichita, Kansas, where he met A. L. Houck, then located there in the hardware business. Mr. Houck was attached to the young German by his natural brightness, innate manliness and earnest desire to accomplishing something in the world. The young hardware merchant and the young barber became close friends.

In 1880 young Dieter decided he was throwing away the best years of his life barbering when he was capable of doing better, so he struck out for the mining fields of Colorado. In the meantime Mr. Houck has established himself at Santa Fe and was doing a flourishing beer, mineral water and ice business with a branch house at Albuquerque, and was then thinking of establishing a house in El Paso, when one day J. P. Dieter walked into his Santa Fe office and announced that he wanted something to do when he could make some money.

Instantly Mr. Houck thought that

here was the man to take charge of his proposed El Paso business, so he requested Mr. Dieter to meet him at the hotel that evening and they would talk business over a dinner. Mr. Dieter went direct to the hotel, noticed that it had no barber shop and learned from the proprietor that he wanted one. When Mr. Houck called at the hotel in the evening his restless friend had rented a chair, rigged up a barber shop and was shaving a man.

### Came to El Paso

A month later, in February 1881, Mr. Dieter came to El Paso and established the old and well-known house of Houck & Dieter. He opened up a beer, mineral water, soda water and ice depot at what is now known as the Tivoli saloon on San Francisco street. The business was a success from the start. Mr. Dieter pushed it with that tireless energy and that admirable executive ability that have marked his splendid business career from that day up to a few days ago when he was stricken down by disease. In 1881 the firm bought the property on Fourth and Chihuahua streets where it erected its own house and bottling works building.

A few years later the wholesale beer and liquor house of Dieter & Sauer was established in Juarez and conducted until right recently when Mr. Dieter bought the El Paso brewery and retired from the liquor business, the house of the Houck & Dieter Co. having passed into the hands of a stock company of which Mr. Houck is a member. Under the capable and active management of Mr. Dieter the brewery became a big business success and was rapidly accumulating a fortune for him.

### A Progressive Citizen

J. P. Dieter was one of the real builders of El Paso. No one man has done more building here than he and he leaves a handsome estate as the fruit of his active and progressive career. He served the city several terms as an alderman and made an honest, progressive, public-spirited public servant. It was through his persuasions that the city was induced sixteen years ago to buy Washington park, paying the old fair association \$2,200 for the property, which is worth now at least \$100,000. Mr. Dieter believed in public parks for the people and was always urging the city to buy more park ground.

The deceased was one of El Paso's most prominent citizens and commanded the respect and confidence of the community. He was a strong man of forceful individuality and a patriotic American citizen. While he loved the land of his nativity he also loved America and frequently declared it to be the grandest country, with the grandest government on earth.

He was married about ten years ago to Miss Maria Bruhon, in Germany and brought his beautiful young wife to El Paso and established her in the handsome Dieter home on Magoffin avenue. They lived an ideal home life and four pretty children came to bless their union. The young wife and children today mourn the loss of a devoted husband and a gentle, loving father, while El Paso suffers the loss of one of her best citizens.

### The Funeral

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but it will probably take place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and the remains will be interred in Evergreen cemetery.

The deceased was a thirty-second degree Mason and a Knight Templar. He was an Elk and one of the charter members of the El Paso lodge. He was also a Pioneer, and all of these orders will attend the funeral in force.

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